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Al-Qadhdhafi Interviewed on Chad, Terrorism
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[Report on interview with Libyan leader Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi by Robert Lacontre in Tripoli — date not given]

[Excerpts] *LE FIGARO MAGAZINE*: What remains of your meeting with Mitterrand in Crete?

Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi: Why are you talking about what remains when our agreement still exists? If the French do not return to Chad, Libya will not use its military forces to intervene in the Chadian civil war. I repeat, if your forces do not intervene, Libya will not intervene. If a war breaks out between the two sides, namely Goukouni Oueddei and Hissein Habre, Libya and France should not do anything. Instead, we must work together to secure a national reconciliation. The achievements of the Crete meeting are inviolable.

LE FIGARO MAGAZINE: But you have cheated...

Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi: French and Libyan interests in all spheres do not depend on what happens in Chad. The Chadian problem is a complicated problem. It may last a century. The development of this problem should not affect our relations. The Chadian tension makes even more serious problems. There were many people in Tripoli recently: sinister-looking Palestinians, visionary ayatollahs, and revolutionaries of all kinds. Al-Qadhdhafi chaired the meeting of the Arab nation's revolutionary high command, in other words, 22 of the most extreme organizations. That gave me an opportunity to meet all the "hardliners" of the Palestinian resistance. There was Abu Nizar, deputy to public enemy number one Abu Nidal [Sabri al-Banna], Habash, Hawatimah, Jibril, and Abu Musa [Sa'id Musa Muragha], hijackers and bombers, who were furious at the hijacking of the Libyan plane by the Israelis and declared all-out war on the Zionists and their American protectors. They announced that they were going to blow up all Israeli and U.S. civilian aircraft. There were also Iraqi opponents to Saddam Husayn, enemies of moderate Arab regimes, and Iranian killers. In short the heavy artillery of terrorism. Nobody here believed for one moment that the U.S. aircraft carriers *Coral Sea* and *Saratoga* which were patrolling off the Libyan coast could move into the attack while 2,000 Americans are living here in much better conditions than other foreign nationals, notably the 1,000 French, 8,000 Italians and so forth, and the 12,000 Soviet "advisers." But this show stirred up the feelings of all those who want to destroy capitalist society.

LE FIGARO MAGAZINE: So you support the new stance taken by these extremists?

Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi: What I know is that the war between the Palestinians and Zionists has been going on since 1936 and that the Americans have constantly encouraged Israel's violence. That is why the Palestinians are obliged to do the same thing. *LE FIGARO MAGAZINE*: How do you explain the fact that this

Palestinian-Israeli war should export terrorism to the Western countries?

Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi: The problem is that there are no particular rules governing violence. It was the Israelis who first took this war outside Palestine. In my view both sides are responsible for what you call terrorism. (Libya has proposed holding an international conference to define the limit between acts of war and terrorism — *LE FIGARO MAGAZINE* editor's note)

LE FIGARO MAGAZINE: So you accept the fact that aircraft blow up in mid-air killing innocent people?

Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi: This is a decision which concerns the Palestinians themselves.

LE FIGARO MAGAZINE: What about the bombs planted indiscriminately in Paris?

Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi: There are bombs which are part of the context of this Palestinian-Israeli war and there are those which are outside the Palestinian context. I think the latter constitute terrorism. For instance, what about the bombs in Kuwait and the recent bombs in Paris? These are acts of terrorism.

LE FIGARO MAGAZINE: What is your attitude toward that kind of terrorism?

Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi: I condemn it outright.

LE FIGARO MAGAZINE: You talk constantly about the Arab nation, but surely the Arabs constantly fight each other?

Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi: It is simple. Imagine France divided into 22 states, most occupied by a foreign nation. At that point the Israelis seize Bordeaux (Al-Qadhdhafi has done his homework on me. He knows I come from Bordeaux — Lacontre note). Do you think there would be unanimity on expelling the invaders?

LE FIGARO MAGAZINE: So nobody wants the unity, especially not the superpowers?

Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi: That is true. But a distinction must be drawn between the superpowers. The Americans are imperialists. The Soviets is not in the Soviet camp. It is a nonaligned country. It is therefore not necessary for Libya to be in complete agreement with Moscow. You know we are vigilant and cautious.

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